

**Council Meeting
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Testimony on Bill 7**

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Aloha,

Please accept this testimony for Bill 7.

This is an excellent bill and much needed. However, please amend the bill to also include all “unimproved pedestrian walkways” in every part of the bill where “public sidewalks” is used.

Some of us live in communities with no sidewalks yet we sometimes have the homeless camping in the “unimproved pedestrian walkways.” Why should we not be afforded the same protection to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean?

There are MANY neighborhoods where this applies....not just a few. And of course they mostly are in the poorer areas of our island where the city doesn't care enough to build sidewalks and where homeless people are prevalent.

Please don't forsake us. Just because we don't live in urban Honolulu doesn't mean we don't have an identical problem facing the “sidewalked” communities. Only difference is you're not protecting our rights in the same way as those who have sidewalks...and money.

Mahalo.

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